RESOLUTION NO. 20070301-029

WHEREAS, numerous Senate and House Bills have been filed during the regular session of the 80th Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council regularly reviews and generally opposes legislative bills related to reducing a local government's ability to respond to the needs of its community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, as part of its adopted Legislative Program for the 80th Legislature, resolved to monitor legislation related to immigration; and

WHEREAS, the Day Labor Site operated by the City of Austin has provided a valuable resource for individuals seeking employment in numerous skilled and unskilled trades; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that, while there is a need for fair and just comprehensive immigration reform, the purview for such reform is at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, punitive legislation that is not comprehensive and targets immigrants will have severe local economic and social consequences; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Council amends its Legislative Program for the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, to oppose the passage of House Bill 904 by State Representative Zedler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager is directed to inform the members of the Austin-Area Delegation to the State Legislature of the City's position as evidenced by this Resolution.

ADOPTED: March 1, 2007 ATTEST:

City Clerk